
CHAPTER 27: INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES

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The Medicaid Independent Laboratories Program provides for payment of medically necessary clinical laboratory procedures provided in freestanding laboratory facilities to Medicaid eligible recipients. An independent laboratory performs diagnostic tests and is independent of both the attending or consulting physician's office and/or the hospital where services are rendered.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the conditions and requirements that independent laboratories must meet in order to qualify for reimbursement under the Louisiana Medicaid Program. This manual chapter is intended to make available to Medicaid providers of independent laboratory services a ready reference for information and procedural material needed for the prompt and accurate filing of claims for services furnished to Medicaid recipients. The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) is responsible for assuring provider compliance with these regulations.